

SENATOR WITEK: Good morning, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, 729 abolishes the state mandated salary for the county comptroller of Douglas County. As far as a little background on this bill, the office of county comptroller is mandated by statute for counties in excess of 300,000 inhabitants, according to Section 23-1401 of the Nebraska statutes. At this time, Douglas County is the only county that requires...that has such an office. The county comptroller is not a full-time position. It's a descriptive term for an office that does internal auditing for the county and, by statute, the Douglas County Clerk is the county comptroller. Under current law, the state has required Douglas County to pay the county comptroller \$1,000 per month which is \$12 (sic) a year. LB 729 would put the salary decision into the hands of the Douglas County Board. The bottom line is that the decision should be left to the board and not to the Nebraska Legislature and this is one small step to eliminate an unfunded mandate and I would ask for your support of 729 this morning. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITH THEM: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Witek, there appears to be no discussion, would you like to close? Closing is waived. The question is the advancement of LB 729. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 729.

SPEAKER WITH THEM: LB 729 advances. By the way, I should announce probably that four of the bills listed on Select File will not be considered today. We will not be considering LB 499, the second bill down on Select File, Senator Warner's bill regarding homestead exemption; LB 805, the third to the last bill, an Urban Affairs Committee bill will not be considered today, and then the final two bills, Senator Preister's LB 140 and Senator Day's LB 207, all of those bills will be passed over for today. Mr. Clerk, LB 567.

CLERK: Mr. President, 567 introduced by Senator Robinson, Lynch, Vrtiska, Wehrbein and Janssen. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 18, referred to the Government Committee, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.